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Collective Water Poem

*by Water Quality Class - Summer 2010 (Compiled and
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*Together we watched Jay-Z's documentary
and made a collective poem by gathering
people's thoughts on water and combined
their individual rivers into this one stream of
consciousness.*

Water IS...

*Health,
Is everything important,
Making life beautiful,
A source of hope that keeps us alive.
Something we need daily.
It is important though we take advantage of it,
It is special,
It is "who I am and how I flow",
Who we are and how we flow, because...*

Water SOUNDS LIKE...

*Someone swimming,
Nature from afar,
The ocean,
A cry for help in times of need,
Our dreams rolling across the land with life,
It can be a car crashing,
Or an abused child,
But it can also be peaceful waves,
Because it sounds like me,
It sounds like us.*

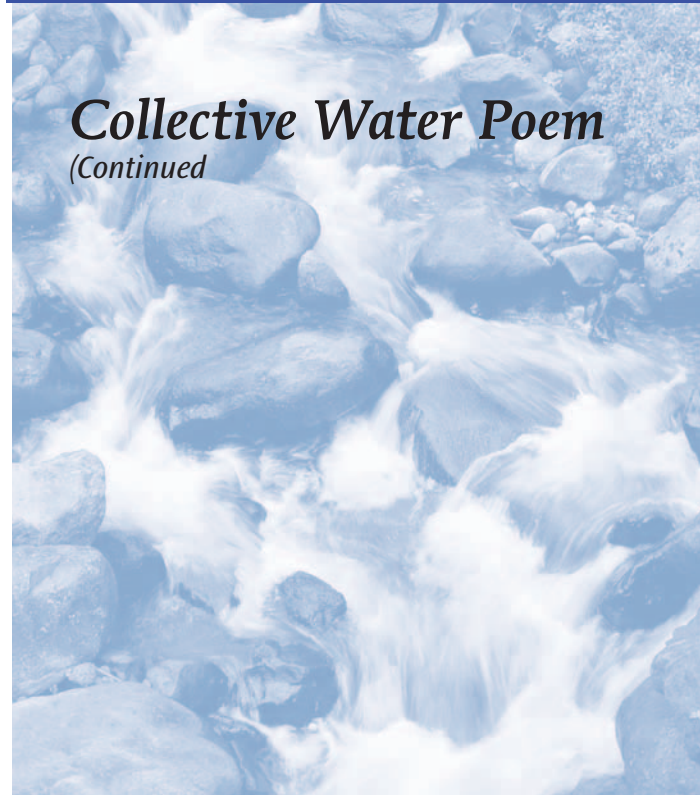
Water GIVES...

*Good hygiene so people can live,
But also it is reflections of the truth,
Loyalty,
Energy,
Wisdom,
Life,
And hydration.
It gives life to our body.*

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Water UNDERSTANDS...

*That it is good,
so understands people's selfishness,
And how to live,
Because people are always in need of it.
So it understands the world, but people don't understand it.
Water understands that we abuse it like there is an unyielding supply.
So water understands the needs of people,
Of life,
Of its purpose,
Our energies and intentions,
And knows where you are,
And where we want to be.*

Water NEEDS...

*Nurturing and healing,
And time for us to listen to the possibilities of tomorrow,
Air to be cleaned,
Water needs honor and gratefulness,
And not to be neglected,
But respected...
To be in the world,
It needs conservation.*

Water WILL NEVER...

*Give you a bad feeling,
Unless it be forgotten,
Because it will never fail to quench your thirst,
It may not be here forever,
But it will never disappear,
Or run out,
Because if we don't leave it, it won't leave us.
Water will never leave our system,
But will it ever be free in America?*

Because...

Water BRINGS...

*People life and death,
And blesses us with drops like kisses.
It brings people from the bottom to the top,
And cleansing,
Joyfulness,
A connection to the world,
And its possible happiness.
Water brings good health,
A chance for survival,
And all things from fear and peace.*

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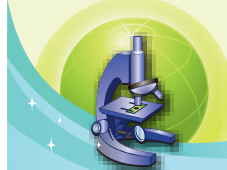
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